



FRAMINGHAM

Middlesex County



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NARRATIVE

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The Town of Framingham, with a population of 65,000, is located mid-way between Boston and Worcester and is the hub of the Metro-West region. Framingham offers a unique blend of urban and rural qualities. The vibrant retail area along Route 9 lies close by quiet residential areas and the town common. The historic strengths of the town have been its location and its people. From its founding in 1700, Framingham has supported a variety of industries. The mills and factories that flourished in Framingham encouraged the growth of the Saxonville area of the town and the downtown. Currently, the major town employers are primarily non-manufacturing, including medical, retail, educational, office and biotechnical activities. The residents of Framingham value public participation and the town is the largest municipality with a town meeting form of government. Framingham offers recreational activities of all sorts for its residents from the many organized team sports leagues to the nationally renowned Garden in the Woods. Framingham unites for numerous municipal celebrations throughout the year, with a major focus on Flag Day activities in June.

(Narrative supplied by community)



GEOGRAPHY

Location

Eastern Massachusetts, bordered by Southborough and Marlborough on the west, Sherborn and Ashland on the south, Natick on the east, Wayland on the northeast, and Sudbury on the north. Framingham is 19 miles west of Boston and 197 miles from New York City.

Total Area: 26.44 sq. miles

Land Area: 25.12 sq. miles

Population: 64,989

Density: 2,587 per sq. mile

Climate

(National Climatic Data Center)

(Framingham Station)

Normal temperature in January.....24.7°F

Normal temperature in July.....72.9°F

Normal annual precipitation.....44.9"

U.S.G.S. Topographical Plates

Framingham

Regional Planning Agency

Metropolitan Area Planning Council

Metropolitan Statistical Area

(1993 Definition)

Boston



GOVERNMENT

Municipal Offices

Main Number: (508) 620-4811

[Telephone Numbers for Public Information](#)

Form of Government

Board of Selectmen

Executive Secretary

Representative Town Meeting

Year Incorporated

As a town: 1700

Registered Voters (Secretary of State 1994)

	Number	%	
Total Registered	32,742		
Democrats	11,973	36.6	%
Republicans	3,877	11.8	%
Other parties	0	0.0	%
Unenrolled Voters	16,892	51.6	%

Legislators

[Senators and Representatives by City and Town](#)



DEMOGRAPHICS

Table DP-1. Profile of General Demographic Characteristics: 2000

Geographic Area: Framingham town, Middlesex County, Massachusetts

[For information on confidentiality protection, nonsampling error, and definitions, see text]

Subject	Number	Percent	Subject	Number	Percent
Total population.....	66,910	100.0	HISPANIC OR LATINO AND RACE		
SEX AND AGE			Total population.....	66,910	100.0
Male.....	31,942	47.7	Hispanic or Latino (of any race).....	7,265	10.9
Female.....	34,968	52.3	Mexican.....	345	0.5
Under 5 years.....	4,324	6.5	Puerto Rican.....	2,903	4.3
5 to 9 years.....	4,059	6.1	Cuban.....	110	0.2
10 to 14 years.....	3,825	5.7	Other Hispanic or Latino.....	3,907	5.8
15 to 19 years.....	3,724	5.6	Not Hispanic or Latino.....	59,645	89.1
20 to 24 years.....	4,410	6.6	White alone.....	50,293	75.2
25 to 34 years.....	11,622	17.4	RELATIONSHIP		
35 to 44 years.....	11,462	17.1	Total population.....	66,910	100.0
45 to 54 years.....	9,019	13.5	In households.....	63,592	95.0
55 to 59 years.....	3,278	4.9	Householder.....	26,153	39.1
60 to 64 years.....	2,496	3.7	Spouse.....	13,075	19.5
65 to 74 years.....	4,337	6.5	Child.....	17,446	26.1
75 to 84 years.....	3,001	4.5	Own child under 18 years.....	13,386	20.0
85 years and over.....	1,353	2.0	Other relatives.....	2,998	4.5
Median age (years).....	36.2	(X)	Under 18 years.....	692	1.0
18 years and over.....	52,575	78.6	Nonrelatives.....	3,920	5.9
Male.....	24,693	36.9	Unmarried partner.....	1,253	1.9
Female.....	27,882	41.7	In group quarters.....	3,318	5.0
21 years and over.....	50,063	74.8	Institutionalized population.....	1,732	2.6
62 years and over.....	10,110	15.1	Noninstitutionalized population.....	1,586	2.4
65 years and over.....	8,691	13.0	HOUSEHOLD BY TYPE		
Male.....	3,457	5.2	Total households.....	26,153	100.0
Female.....	5,234	7.8	Family households (families).....	16,573	63.4
RACE			With own children under 18 years.....	7,610	29.1
One race.....	64,647	96.6	Married-couple family.....	13,075	50.0
White.....	53,373	79.8	With own children under 18 years.....	5,826	22.3
Black or African American.....	3,409	5.1	Female householder, no husband present.....	2,661	10.2
American Indian and Alaska Native.....	116	0.2	With own children under 18 years.....	1,505	5.8
Asian.....	3,527	5.3	Nonfamily households.....	9,580	36.6
Asian Indian.....	1,488	2.2	Householder living alone.....	7,504	28.7
Chinese.....	1,215	1.8	Householder 65 years and over.....	2,390	9.1
Filipino.....	101	0.2	Households with individuals under 18 years.....	8,065	30.8
Japanese.....	152	0.2	Households with individuals 65 years and over.....	5,772	22.1
Korean.....	208	0.3	Average household size.....	2.43	(X)
Vietnamese.....	137	0.2	Average family size.....	3.02	(X)
Other Asian ¹	226	0.3	HOUSING OCCUPANCY		
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander.....	27	-	Total housing units.....	26,734	100.0
Native Hawaiian.....	3	-	Occupied housing units.....	26,153	97.8
Guamanian or Chamorro.....	3	-	Vacant housing units.....	581	2.2
Samoa.....	-	-	For seasonal, recreational, or		
Other Pacific Islander ²	21	-	occasional use.....	146	0.5
Some other race.....	4,195	6.3	Homeowner vacancy rate (percent).....	0.2	(X)
Two or more races.....	2,263	3.4	Rental vacancy rate (percent).....	1.7	(X)
<i>Race alone or in combination with one</i>			HOUSING TENURE		
<i>or more other races:³</i>			Occupied housing units.....	26,153	100.0
White.....	55,285	82.6	Owner-occupied housing units.....	14,512	55.5
Black or African American.....	3,925	5.9	Renter-occupied housing units.....	11,641	44.5
American Indian and Alaska Native.....	355	0.5	Average household size of owner-occupied units.....	2.63	(X)
Asian.....	3,862	5.8	Average household size of renter-occupied units.....	2.19	(X)
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander.....	85	0.1			
Some other race.....	5,806	8.7			

- Represents zero or rounds to zero. (X) Not applicable.

¹ Other Asian alone, or two or more Asian categories.

² Other Pacific Islander alone, or two or more Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander categories.

³ In combination with one or more of the other races listed. The six numbers may add to more than the total population and the six percentages may add to more than 100 percent because individuals may report more than one race.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000.



HOUSING CHARACTERISTICS

Home Sales (Banker & Tradesman) -

[Town Stats - Free market Statistics](#)

Subsidized Housing Units (DHCD 1998)

[DHCD Subsidized Housing Inventory](#)

Subsidized Housing Units: The number of housing units which count toward the municipality's 10% goal for low- and moderate-income housing. It includes both subsidized affordable units and market rate units in certain eligible subsidized developments.

Public Housing Units (DHCD 1999)

Conventional State: 834

Conventional Federal: 235

Rental Assistance(DHCD 1999)

State (MRVP: 77

Federal (Section 8): 673



TRANSPORTATION

TRANSPORTATION AND ACCESS

Framingham is located approximately halfway between Worcester, the commercial center of Central Massachusetts, and Boston, New England's leading port and metropolitan area. Rail and highway facilities connecting these major centers and other communities in the Greater Boston Metropolitan Area are excellent.

Major Highways

Principal highways are Interstate 90 (Mass. Turnpike) and State Route 9, which both run E-W across the state.

Rail

Direct rail service to Boston, New York, and all other points on the Amtrak network is available through Framingham. MBTA commuter rail service is available to South Station and Back Bay Station, Boston. Travel time to BBS: 42-45 minutes; MBTA parking: 121 spaces. Conrail provides freight rail service and operates an auto transloading facility in Framingham. Contact number: (617) 783-6222.

Bus

Member of the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority (MBTA), which provides THE RIDE, a paratransit service for the elderly and disabled. LIFT provides service to Ashland and Hopkinton. Express Bus provides service to Boston and Logan Airport. Peter Pan Bus Lines provides service to Worcester and Boston. Big W Transportation provides service to Milford and Hopkinton.

Other

Logan International Airport is easily accessible from Framingham. Logan Express provides bus service to Framingham seven days per week.



CULTURE AND RECREATION

LIBRARIES

[Board of Library Commissioners On-line Library Catalog](#)

MUSEUMS

(American Association of Museums)

Danforth Museum of Art

123 Union Avenue

(508) 620-0050

Framingham Historical and Natural History Society

Vernon & Grove Sts.

(508) 872-3780

The Will C. Curtis Garden in the Woods

Hemenway

(508) 877-7630

RECREATION

[Telephone Numbers for Public Information](#)

Recreational Facilities (Recreational sites and activities)

[Department of Environmental Management Recreation Section](#)



MISCELLANEOUS

HEALTH FACILITIES

(Dept. of Public Health 1992)

Hospitals

Metrowest - Framingham Campus

Long Term Care

Bethany Skilled Nursing Facility
Carlyle Nursing Home, Inc.
Colonial House Nursing Home
Countryside Nursing Home,
Framingham Nursing Home
Heritage Longterm Health Care Center
Kathleen Daniel Health Care SNF
Resident Care Nursing Home
St. Patricks Manor

Hospices

Metrowest Hospice

Rest Homes

Edgell Rest Home
Vernon House, Inc.

UTILITIES

[Telephone Numbers for Public Utilities](#)

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